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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to steady in the Midwest, but weak in the East and West. However, majority prices were yet to develop in the major terminal markets. Demand was seasonal with attention mainly on holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available for trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was generally light and unaggressive. Supplies of all items were adequate to ample with bone-in breast in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 72.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.25 cents last year on November 24, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	146.50
BREASTS - B/S	117.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.50
WINGS	81.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Undertone was steady to weak, generally steady on whole product in the East and Midwest. Retail and food service demand remains seasonal with retail trading centered on last minute deliveries or orders of holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was light with most items reported in a range of adequate to readily available. B/S breast were available but somewhat in a better position than bone-in breast. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light and unaggressive as dealers look to more traditional holiday meat items. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for the very light buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breasts were readily available and often discounted to clear excess supplies. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate current trade needs. Wings were at least sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were light. Retail demand was slow to light as seasonal holiday items of turkey, ham and other items received consumer attention. Food service trade remained mixed, slow to fairly good; best into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks for the most part were in balance with sizes desirable. Trade on parts was generally inactive as several industry participants were away for the holiday or had previously booked current needs for the week. Offerings were light overall. The trade sentiment was about steady on wings, steady to weak on breasts cuts and mostly weak on dark meat lines.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample. Most processors' worked reduced slaughter schedules due to holiday closures. Buyers' interest was selective and generally focused on immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 19, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 19, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through November 19, 2005 were 8.00 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 11/19/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	210,242	208,330	+01
CHICKS PLACED	164,299	162,518	+01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Dec-05 is estimated at 151.6 million head. This compares to 151.9 million head the previous week and to 152.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 139.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.12 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	712	88.00-165.00	-	100.16
TENDERLOINS	168	80.00-162.00	-	93.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	68.00-74.00	69-73	70.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	208	32.00-68.00	33-34	35.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	20.00-35.00	25-26	25.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,020	22.00-36.00	27-28	26.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	72.00-83.00	74-76	76.36
WINGS (CUT)	270	80.00-96.00	92-95	93.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

33.50-43.50

37.42

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	693	88.00-155.00	92-96	99.21
TENDERLOINS	208	82.00-162.00	90-96	92.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	30.00-68.00	-	35.81
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	629	20.00-35.00	25-26	25.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	22.00-36.00	-	26.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	70.00-83.00	77-79	78.13
WINGS (CUT)	285	89.00-96.00	90-95	93.72
DRUMSTICKS	74	30.00-68.00	-	38.05
THIGHS	83	30.00-68.00	-	37.76
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

5-DAY AVERAGE

33.50-43.50

37.42

37.37

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was limited as most dealers worked hand-to-mouth entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate; bone-in breast remained readily available and heavily discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light as interest centered on other more traditional holiday meat items. The market tone was about steady for boneless skinless breasts; weak for bone-in breasts. The balance of items were about steady to barely steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	101.73	728,240
TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.56	113,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	63.89	90,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	53.50	72,000
LEGS	45-46	46.43	187,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	26.99	327,680
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.36	80,720
THIGHS	34-35	45.24	56,050
B/S THIGHS	95-96	98.44	134,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	81.41	174,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.34	28,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.69	30,660
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.65	25,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	102.28	621,280
TENDERLOINS	95-100	104.70	154,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	66.20	63,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	51.49	77,400
LEGS	45-46	47.63	195,660
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	27.49	461,640
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.95	138,320
THIGHS	34-35	46.72	45,000
B/S THIGHS	95-96	92.97	138,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	79.32	220,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.36	27,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.49	20,615
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.05	19,680

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,849	4,000	3,909	3,944	5.38	5.16	3,983	5.45
Arkansas	4,759	5,167	4,957	5,435	5.41	5.20	5,391	5.25
Delmarva	2,213	2,236	2,311	2,124	5.92	5.71	1,970	5.72
KY-LA-TN	2,195	2,317	2,245	2,551	5.12	4.83	1,996	5.19
Mississippi	2,590	2,898	2,873	3,081	5.48	5.49	2,534	5.44
North Car	2,438	2,658	2,472	3,898	6.89	6.70	2,123	7.09
Texas	2,512	2,491	2,563	2,434	5.35	5.17	2,531	5.29
Total	20,556	21,767	21,330	23,467	5.60	5.48	20,528	5.53
Mon-Wed	63,984(A)				62,920(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Nov-05

is estimated to be 30,754,000 head down 0.16 percent from a week ago and up 0.78 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,804,000, last year 30,515,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	95-107
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100-112
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	90-105
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-188

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Nov-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/26/05 (1)	11/19/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	127,235 (2)	166,912
Light hens	815	1,463
Heavy hens	904	1,457
Total	128,954	169,832

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Nov-05 is 160.3 million head compared to 119.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.5 million head or 32.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Dec-05 the estimated available is 158.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/21/05	43,191	64,375
AM 11/01/05	81,804	63,547
CHG	-38,613	828
PCT CHG	-47	1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/21/05	11/14/05	11/22/04	11/21/05	11/14/05	11/22/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	1,907	1,824	7,679	4,214	4,910	7,900
LOS ANGELES	59	57	54	2,178	2,437	4,022

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005

HENS	RANGE	
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/22/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	.60	.50	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	3.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.00	2.05	1.41	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.75	1.51	DUCKS ea.	-	4.00
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.25	.56	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	6.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	35					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 18, 2005

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	36.19	114.97	68.13	12.77	8.52	59.61
High	55.36	119.23	76.65	21.29	12.77	59.61
Mostly	55.36	119.23	76.65	17.03	8.52	59.61

SAN JUAN

Low	34.07	114.97	68.13	12.77	4.26	55.36
High	55.36	119.23	72.39	21.29	8.52	55.36
Mostly	55.36	119.23	68.13	17.03	4.26	55.36

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	29.81	114.97	63.87	17.03	4.26	51.10
High	57.49	119.23	68.13	21.29	8.52	51.10
Mostly	57.49	114.97	63.87	17.03	4.26	51.10

BECERRA

Low	34.07	119.23	76.65	17.03	8.52	55.36
High	59.61	127.75	85.16	21.29	17.03	55.36
Mostly	55.36	123.49	85.16	17.03	12.77	55.36

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light and about as expected preceeding the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings varied from plant to plant and were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained fully adequate to ample with several offerings competitively priced in an effort to clear coolers. particularly of generally slow moving breast items.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

52-75
(A)
(A)

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